

The Wichita Eagle.

WICHITA, FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1912.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

"Spades is trump"—garden game, popular. Rakes are growing into favor hereabouts.

There are two wholesale houses in Wichita. Our town is full of strangers hunting homes. Spring fumigation is coming in at a lively rate.

Wood is worth five dollars a cord in this market. A big, big is expected in the Arkansas river this spring.

We have excellent sidewalks on both sides of Main street.

It costs ten cents per mile to travel by stage in this country.

Quite a number of our business men are East after goods.

The Episcopal church contemplate building the present season.

Houses are going up in this town at the rate of one per day.

THE EAGLE is larger than any paper in this portion of the State.

Merchants here are daily receiving and unpacking heavy invoices.

The first birds of spring so far, have been wild geese, flying south.

All our city papers will be sent to subscribers through the post-office.

Nearly four hundred votes were polled at our city election last week.

Judge W. P. Campbell is holding a term of Court in Sumner county this week.

We will soon be prepared to do any and all kinds of Job Work on short notice.

Many of our citizens are engaged in the favorite pastime of making gardens.

A choice business lot on Main street sold for two hundred dollars, last week.

James R. Mead has one of the newest peach orchards we have seen in this vicinity.

Delano is improving very rapidly and business is said to be very lively over there.

The Valley is quite green, the birds are swelling, and "spring-time is coming, gentle Annie."

There are three hundred and twenty houses in Wichita, and as many more contemplated.

A gentleman of experience and capital will burn half a million here this summer.

The bridge across Chisholm creek is a dangerous affair and ought to be repaired at once.

Wichita is on the Osage Trail Lands, and not on the Diminished Reserve, as many suppose.

The Wichita and Southwestern Railroad will be completed to this place by the first of June.

Wichita and Eldorado are the only towns in this portion of the State that have National Banks.

A rain of four days duration has dispelled all fears of a drought, from the minds of our farmers.

It is predicted that next June, on this valley, fish will be hunted successfully with a setter-dog and gun.

Full market reports will be found elsewhere, but not so full and perfect as we hope to make them in a short time.

We publish the new Homestead law, on the outside of this paper. It relates to soldiers and sailors of the late war.

Numerous spring showers have started all kinds of vegetation into life, so that our prairie begins to look green again.

Two years ago there was not a house between Towanda and Wichita. Now there is one on nearly every quarter section.

We are glad to learn that most of the property holders are opposed to having any more frame buildings erected on Main street.

The city election at Newton was a very exciting affair and closely contested, so much so, we hear, that it is talked of throwing the matter into court.

Wichita has a population of about two thousand—men, women and children. Counting the dogs we should judge that it would fall short of six thousand.

Main street, Wichita, contains one hundred and eleven places of business, including three wholesale establishments, two printing offices, two banks and two hotels.

J. R. Mead, Vice President of the First National, President of the Southwestern R. R., etc., has received from his trading post at Ft. Sill, over \$12,000.00 worth of robes within a month.

The leading business is picking up here with a fair prospect, however a town plenty of business in the streets, already in good condition, the old swag, "on the street."

Known as the name of a new town recently started in Barbour county, on Medicine Lodge creek. It had been reported that a five foot vein of coal underlies a large portion of that county.

The divorce stage from Newton comes in daily loaded with money-seekers, money-investors and business men seeking locations. This is an earnest of what we may expect so soon as the cars shall have reached us.

With Wichita as the terminus of a Railroad our business men will shortly be able to take a berth in a Pullman sleeper at bedtime and be in Lawrence, Abilene or Kansas City by breakfast time, ready for business the next day.

The election in Sedgewick county resulted, as we learn from the Gazette, in the election of T. S. Floyd, for Mayor, O. M. Sherman, W. B. Chamberlain, N. A. Mathis, Chas. Schafer and O. Y. Hart, as Councilmen, and F. T. Morris, Police Judge.

As the sacred spirit of the enterprise and liberality of the business men of Wichita we wish to refer our readers to the advertising columns of the EAGLE. In the possession of such a go-ahead-spirited spirit the future of Wichita stands assured.

Our County Surveyor, Mr. John A. Sroufe, started on Monday for the crossing of the Nebraska where he has been employed to survey and plat a new town to be called Charwater. He reports the surrounding country as very desirable, rich and fine.

His honor, Judge W. P. Campbell passed through Wichita yesterday, making a brief call. He was on his road to Sumner county where the spring term of court opens tomorrow. Representatives of the legal fraternity of this place are going down.

The people of Butler county are doing all in their power to secure the Pitts Parallel Railroad. We believe they will get it and that it will be continued on west to Wichita. When the proper time comes Sedgewick county will do her part to secure this Road.

The contract was let last summer for a daily mail from Humboldt to Eldorado, and a tri-weekly from Eldorado, via Towanda, to Wichita. When of the opinion that he should have a daily mail from Eldorado, with a post-office at Payne's Ranch. We are also of the opinion that daily stages should be run from Humboldt directly through to this place.

Upon the second page of this paper will be found an interesting and valuable article upon the Great Arkansas Valley, the river that drains it, the water, soil, timber, etc. It is a practical article, from the pen of a practical man, and the picture is not overdone in any particular. The valuable contribution is made by Mr. Clinton C. Hatchman, the author of "The Business of Kansas." We have an article about the same paper which will appear next week.

To each store, workshop, place of business, home and home, within the city limits of Wichita, a copy of the present issue of the Eagle is sent for the personal criticism or commendation of the occupant. Within a day or two thereafter Mr. Fred A. Sowers, with whom nearly all are acquainted, will wait upon and receive of each the number of subscriptions that may be desired. We sincerely trust that the paper may meet the expectations of every citizen of Wichita. Being personally and slightly acquainted with the good people of our adopted home, and less acquainted with their affairs, of course it becomes a difficult matter to treat of all the interesting things that are or that may be transpiring in our midst, or to talk intelligently of such matters as may lay nearest the hearts and pockets of the patrons of the EAGLE. But we feel confident that we are becoming identified with a liberal, good and home-loving people. To print a paper worthy such a community's support, a paper that will be welcomed to every family and place of business in the city, and to every fire-side and homestead in the valley, is now our highest ambition, and will be our studied duty. The paper will also be sent to many outside the county of Sedgewick—copies to old friends who have been our readers for years—to all such and to all others desiring information of this country and its growth, we say send along your names and—don't forget the \$2, the price of subscription for a year. Those who respond promptly will get the complete volume. Friends, the matter is left with you.

The Sabbath day is as strictly observed—Sunday as quiet upon the streets of Wichita, as in any town of the west. It is remarked by strangers, who, almost unanimously, wonder and congratulate. No drunkenness or street-brawling can be seen or heard at any time, notwithstanding the place is a frontier town, not three years old, containing all the elements, excepting those of drunkenness and rowdiness, to be found usually in frontier towns. For this moral state of affairs much is due to the city government and the wholesome manner in which its ordinances are administered, as also, to the intelligent and moral element that predominates in the society of the place. Some others than members of the police force are permitted to carry arms. Upon each avenue leading into the city is a large sign prohibiting the carrying of deadly weapons under penalty of both fine and imprisonment. We can assure all who contemplate making this lively their home, humbly from all danger, and from even disagreeable disturbances.

Notably prominent among the many new buildings at present being erected on Douglas Avenue is the new hotel on the corner of the above and Water street. It is the property of William Greifenstein, esq. The house is 50 feet front on the Avenue and 80 feet on Water street, three stories high and will cost, when finished and furnished \$25,000.00. The contractor is E. C. Marshall, and he is doing the work in his usual thorough and finished style. Mr. Greifenstein is one of the original proprietors of the town, is a man of large means, and accredited financial ability. In addition to these he has not only won the enviable reputation of being a man of enterprise but liberality. No scheme or proposition that promises substantial advancement to the place escapes his attention, and no worthy object goes begging around where he is. The new hotel not only houses his enterprise but his wisdom, also, as the ripeness of time will demonstrate. Such men give everything around them an impetus that practically guarantees ultimate success.

We regret to announce that Al. Schlattink, the driver of the coach that runs between this place and Newton, was jerked from his seat, on Monday, when some fool, on this side of the latter place, hit him full directly beneath the wheels which passed directly across his breast. He was picked up by the passengers and placed in the coach which was then driven rapidly back to Newton. Up to yesterday noon he was still alive, but his vital having been completely crushed mortification had set in and no hopes were entertained for his recovery. He had not lost his consciousness and knew he must die. He has no relatives in this country. All winter long, every day, including Sundays, he has regularly gone over the route each way—sixty miles, rain or shine, the faithful fellow was ever at his post, over time. But his trials, and his days and nights of exposure are now all forever past. Let us hope that he is at rest.

Douglas Avenue runs at right angles with Main street and reaches from the bridge to the depot, the center of it being the line of Messrs. English's, Mead's and Greifenstein's additions, respectively. Great hopes are entertained of its future as the prospective location for wholesale establishments. Some of the most substantial buildings in the city are built upon this Avenue. The U. S. Land Office is located here. Immediately opposite is the new two-story business house of Mr. N. A. English, esq., ex-county Commissioner. Mr. E. is politically a sound democrat, but entertains a good degree of charity for every live thing even if it be a Republican every live thing even if it be a Republican of the place, and as he has been a faithful friend of the city, and as he is believed that he will live to see the day when the way from Chisholm creek to the river.

Quite an interesting revival meeting is now in progress in this place. It is an open-air meeting in which the members of the different denominations take part and is held at the Presbyterian church. The services are conducted by Rev. J. P. Hanson and J. L. Nesley, assisted by lay members. Hon. D. L. Payne, who attended the great revival at Topeka, has been in attendance, assisting in the good work. As well known to a majority of the people of Sedgewick county, C. D. Payne has been for years past somewhat ill in character, owing, no doubt, to a life upon the extreme frontier, but being a man of noble impulses and possessing a warm heart, and a willing, being a earnest man, his opportunity for being an instrument for accomplishing much good is great. The nightly meetings are growing in interest and several have taken a religious stand.

The Presbytery of Emporia will hold its regular spring meeting in this city, on Tuesday, the 15th day of April at 7 P. M. This meeting will be opened with a sermon by the Reverend R. M. Overstreet, of Emporia. The public are cordially invited to attend these meetings, especially the evening sessions. On Friday evening there will be a discussion on the question: Resolved, That the extemporaneous method of preaching is more effective than the public reading of sermons. On Saturday evening the subject of day preaching will be discussed. On the Sabbath the usual services will be a children's meeting at 10 o'clock, p. m., at which several addresses will be delivered by the members of the Presbytery.

THE WICHITA EAGLE will be devoted to the interests of Wichita, Sedgewick county, and Southwestern Kansas. We will always be pleased to publish communications or items of interest from any portion of the Southwest. While we shall always be found laboring for the material prosperity of our adopted city, yet we will faithfully accord to all sections a fair and impartial hearing on all subjects pertaining to the public weal. To this end we will correspond from all portions of the Southwest, on all subjects of public or general interest.

The extensive wagon and carriage works of M. R. Moser will soon be in active operation. He designs coming in competition with the Shubelaker wagon and the best eastern make of wagons and for the south and southwestern trade. Mr. Moser is a good mechanic and with an abundance of means and a power of "put up," he will give them a taste for this trade. Again we say, never flag in assisting and encouraging your home manufacturers, even at a little additional cost. You make it back; on the other hand your money is carried out of the state.

Merchants and business men should be careful not to obstruct the sidewalk walks with boxes of the grape, and the like, of impeded walks and liquors, etc., as the impeded walks and liquors, etc., in conjunction with liquor trade is a very fine stock of men's boots, and ladies' and boys' shoes. He contemplates making this an extensive business as soon as possible.

Our Advertiser. What better evidence can possibly be shown than these advertisements to herald the liberality and determined perseverance of Wichita business men. The energy and go-ahead spirit of these people outdoes every opposition, overcomes every obstacle, and today we have in the broadest, deepest and richest valley Kansas can boast, the finest prospect, the fastest growth, and the most flourishing town in Southwestern Kansas. Our first advertisement here dated scarcely a week before we counted thirteen columns of paying advertisements. This, in connection with the fact that the other papers here of a good patronage, speaks volumes for a public well palpitating with big-hearted enterprise, which, when tempered as this is with cool heads and more than Chicago nerve, is sure to make an undertaking a complete and thorough success. So that Wichita is "built upon a rock"—her foundation, her broad heart, warm hearts and indomitable pluck. For this beneficence to us, promise you a like interest, respect at any and all times to encourage your business and to aid and support with your utmost power and ability each and every one of your enterprises. We only regret, therefore, in view of the liberal spirit for our support, our inability to give to each of our advertising patrons the individual and separate notice they merit. Our local space, however, as is apparent to all, is inadequate to meet what our longing is; besides, the good sense of our business men warrants us in saying that if we did fill our local space with their notices it would be alike damaging to themselves and to us. We therefore write up herewith a compendium of each house, beginning with the largest advertisers and noticing each briefly for the present, down to the smallest, considering this about fair.

First we call the attention of our readers to the advertisement—double column of Steele & Smith, whose active, wide-awake enterprise and strict business integrity has already made them second to no real estate firm in the State, and whose bulletins—side their advertisement—abundant proof of the magnitude of their enterprise.

Steele, Reeves & Rouse, another real estate firm, are to be credited for a like zeal in all they undertake in the purchase, sale and transfer of property. Their frank cordiality has won them already a wide-spread reputation and hosts of valuable friends.

In another line we find Houghton, Mills & Co., the Blue Store, where is kept one of the largest, most fashionable and select stocks of men's and boys' clothing, goods, etc., west of the Missouri river and they take measures at their store and show samples of goods, with the latest New York fashion plates, and thus can transform in two weeks the long-haired, wild-and-wooly and hard-to-handle of the frontier into the finished, appearing Broadway style.

The extensive and rapidly increasing trade of the St. Louis Hardware Store has justified Shilbeter & Houck in the insertion of a half column advertisement. The business qualifications of the "boys" has marked them for success, so their deserved popularity is a part of this. Who cannot deal with their satisfaction, truly wants no bargains in hardware and iron machinery.

The Green Front—the extensive wholesale and retail grocery house of W. A. Thomas & Co.—claims more space than we can impartially give it here. But for anything at all everything in the grocery and provision line do not fail to call at the Green Front before buying and speak "some things Mr. Billy."

Oak Hall—Hays Brothers—the first extensive clothing and goods' furnishing, goods' establishment in Wichita—has been established in the heart of the city, and is boldly among the best today in the Southwest, either as to magnitude, fair dealing or quality and variety of goods. This house would be a credit to any city, and is receiving a justly-deserved paying patronage.

At the St. Louis Hardware Store, and their wholesale-retail trade of customers is winning them a wholesale retail trade. Both men have won for themselves golden opinions from an admiring and careful public.

Hills Krueger, corner Main and Second streets, are doing a large business in their line, consisting of dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, hats and caps. Their motto, "live and let live," adhered to as it is by them, is indicative of the liberality of the men, and shows, as a consequence, what their sales must be. They are daily receiving extensive additions to their already large stock. Call and see, it don't cost a cent to look.

The wagon and carriage factory of J. B. Albaugh has developed into an important branch of industry in the last year. Through the energy and mechanical skill of Mr. Albaugh he is already in active competition with Eastern manufacturers in the make-up of carriages, buggies and wagons. Some of the strongest and best wagons and many of the finest buggies seen in our streets have been built by him. He is getting the preference of our best men, and certainly deserves the patronage here. Encourage home manufactures if you would yourself thrive.

The "Bazar," 75 Main street, is theemporium of fashion for ladies' trimmings and full dress. The stock of M. Emanuel is complete—his selections as tasteful and various as years of experience can make them. Mr. Emanuel is courteous and polite, and has determined to duplicate New York fashions for the ladies of Wichita and surrounding country and make his popular dress and fancy goods store of Wichita.

A place much sought by farmers and gardeners is the reliable seed and agricultural store of A. Cook, in the old postoffice building, where you can procure Rochester flower seeds and all the vegetable seeds, clover, timothy and blue grass, by the pound or bushel. Mr. Cook is also extensively engaged in the sale of agricultural implements, and keeps on hand farming tools of every description or use. He is also prepared to furnish on short notice all kinds of jewelry stock. The years of experience of Mr. Cook, as a nurseryman and farmer makes his place popular with this class.

We note with considerable pleasure the firm of Wm. C. Woodman & Son among our first advertisers. They are well and favorably known throughout our community and country, both as bankers and merchants. By reference to their advertisements it will be seen that they are abundantly able to sell and receive or loan and exchange. The house of Wm. C. Woodman & Son is one of the most reliable in southern Kansas, and both gentlemen are well-to-do and have gained an enviable popularity.

The whole shoe liquor store of McKnight is doing a vast trade. His sample room is a store of the grape, and the like, of impeded walks and liquors, etc., as the impeded walks and liquors, etc., in conjunction with liquor trade is a very fine stock of men's boots, and ladies' and boys' shoes. He contemplates making this an extensive business as soon as possible.

able, and for this reason will close out his large stock of superior liquor, etc., etc., at actual cost. Mr. McKnight is a gentleman of the old school, and one with whom it is a pleasure to deal. His place of business is on Main street, east side, near the corner of First.

The First National Bank of Wichita has got more money in its vaults than we ever expect to be worth, and that's saying considerable for it. By reference to their advertisement it will be seen that they are in a condition to transact any and all business in their line according to the best banking principles.

The Michigan Lumber Yard of Kullak, Mills & Sten advertises an extensive supply of all kinds of building material. They are also designers and contractors. This is one in a chain of extensive lumber yards represented and controlled by an immense capital, and is one of the establishments of which the people of Wichita feel justly proud. The Michigan Lumber Yard is on the east side of Main street, south of Douglas avenue.

The City Drug Store is the old reliable and first, owned and run by our local friend "Japke," alias J. P. Allen. He numbers her 119 Main street, is a good fellow and keeps pure drugs and medicines and is a careful and experienced compounding and prescriber.

J. E. Price & Co. is another of our oldest firms and deservedly popular. Its large trade is due to the marked affability of Mr. Price, added to his complete knowledge of the business in which he is engaged. He counts the lowest chord in the gamut of prices of articles, including a big stock of fresh groceries, provisions, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes and furnishing goods, and purposes at all times securing and holding a live stock at let-five prices. His store has been removed to No. 40 Main street, west side, near First.

In the manufacture of tin and sheet-iron ware is extensively engaged M. Zimmerly. Mike is a clever boy, who has worked through the dark and trying early days of Wichita up to its present prosperity, building with it in name and trade, until he is known well and favorably as a successful dealer in tinware and stoves.

H. J. Reimers', Main street, is an accommodating vendor of books and stationery, and keeps besides a large collection of all the latest and most popular newspapers and periodicals, wall paper, picture frames and notions. Besides, he will order any work you desire at Eastern prices, carriage added.

The Empire House has a reputation already gone beyond our paper. It is known from California to New York City, and is everywhere esteemed as among the best first-class hotels in interior Kansas. The hosts, Messrs. Blood & Lamb, are a host and are the manor home.

One of our most extensive contractors and builders is F. C. Marshall, whose work is admired on little city with substantial business houses and busy streets. Mr. Marshall is energetic and experienced, and possesses the entire confidence of the community. He is now engaged in erecting the large new hotel on Douglas avenue.

Hess & Getto keep one of the most neat and finished family groceries, as to variety and quality of stock, we have yet come across in the West. They are swinging into a live trade through their direct credit upon him and pronounce him one of the best business men in the West. No. 58 Main street, near the corner of Second.

E. F. Richter is engaged in the manufacture of furniture, mattresses, etc., on Main street, near Douglas avenue. He is possessed of a thorough knowledge of his trade, and in every instance warrants satisfaction. He is trying to merit by his good work a decent share of our people's patronage, and we hope we will get it. Cane chairs re-seated. Undertaking done in the best style and on short notice.

S. A. Strick, dealer in family groceries and provisions, since his sign three doors south of the First National Bank, same side. He is a clever gentleman and strictly a fair dealer, and we expect to see him gaining in number of friends and buyers until his business reaches as far as his will.

When you desire to have a pair of neat-fitting, fancy, or heavy boots or shoes, either for men, women or boys made, Wm. Banke's is the place. Samples of his work can be seen at his shop that reflect credit upon him and pronounce him one of the best business men in the West. Shop two doors below the Empire House, Main street.

W. & N. McCrees are engaged in the real estate business, on the corner of Main street and First. They spare no labor or pains to satisfy those who wish to buy or sell, and have the reputation of being shrewd and honest dealers.

Mrs. Annie Watson is keeping a fancy store and doing fashionable millinery and dress making, on the east side of Main street, near the corner of Second. She deals in all kinds of dress trimmings and millinery goods; the only place in town where a full line of zephyrs are kept. Mrs. Watson has had years of experience in larger towns, and purposes keeping the best and cheapest, she invites the attention of the ladies of Wichita and vicinity.

Allen & McKnight keep the Red Front grocery and provision store, where will be found the freshest articles in their line. Both are well known, as the daily lives at their place bears testimony.

Saddles, harness, carriage trimmings and saddlery hardware has been carried on for several years here by that clever, wide-awake and finished mechanic, C. M. Garrison whose business has steadily and surely increased until today he has the reputation for turning out as much and as good work as any store or shop of his calling in the State. Farmers and others are invited to call on him when wanting either goods or repairing.

Mrs. E. P. Brown keeps a millinery, dress-making and trimming store, near the postoffice. She has the trade well learned, and keeps the latest styles of hats and all articles pertaining to her line. She has the best of milliners and dress-makers in her employ.

T. H. Conkey is an active and judicious attorney and commission merchant—Wichita-awake. Toumy—whose friends are legion, and whom you are compelled to take for better or for worse if you want somebody to cry for you, as he is the only one in the business here. He is made for it and no one can do it better.

The Munger House, in the original town, is the better place, and a paradise for home-like, quiet stopping. Mr. Munger is alive to the interests of his guests and sets a good table and keeps clean house. We can make the traveling public demand? We pause for a reply.

The fashionable jeweler of the lower end of Main street is conceded to be J. Braitsch, who has opened a few doors below First National Bank, where he is doing all kinds of work in the best and show ways to compare favorably with best in style and finish of the Eastern cities. Repairing of all kinds.

Mr. Charles Gerard, French jeweler and goldsmith, on Main street, opposite the St. Louis Hardware Store, is among the best of his trade. He spent years in Paris learning and experimenting, until he is without a superior in the manufacture of any and all kinds of jewelry. The handsomest pins and rings worn in Wichita were made by him.

In the art of jewelry B. Thompson is the favorite. All men acknowledge him a slick shaver and hair dresser. He is an old city barber and keeps at his post the best and most experienced workman. Hot or cold hair, dainty curls, and all the latest styles of hair dressing are his forte. Pearce & Vantillburgh are our earliest and every new comer on account of their "git up" and style. They have everything there a poxy

photon to the luxurious family carriage, are the kicking man, and know how to run the business.

J. H. Dugger is the oldest wholesale dealer in wines, liquors and cigars, as a business, in this region of country. He is an active, liberal man, and has hosts of friends. He purposes doing the largest trade in his line west of Kansas City the coming season; and he'll do it, too, if he says so.

C. D. Emery keeps the solitary meat shop in Wichita, and does it well and truly when he can get the stock. Mr. Emery has made arrangements whereby he will be able to supply our community henceforth with the choicest and justest cuts and steaks.

J. T. Holmes, our kind little postmaster, is keeping a news depot and book store in the postoffice building, where will be found at all times, on the arrival of the coach or cars, the latest periodicals, papers and magazines. Books and stationery a specialty.

Frank Tully, of the postoffice cigar and tobacco department, is already in the affection of the lovers of the weed. He will, as he always has, try to deserve the patronage of those loving the best brands by keeping no other kind.

We invite the attention of our readers to the nest directory on the first page for a reference to our professional men. We can safely recommend any of them, but would rather be excused from picking out their individual merits or entering into high-sounding compliments. They will speak for themselves.

We will state, in conclusion, that if we have omitted the name of a single advertiser and they will make it known at the office we will give them a satisfactory notice in our next issue.

The stone business block on the corner of Douglas avenue and Main street, has reached the second story. The building is 80x50 feet, with iron and glass fronts to the four store rooms. Messrs. Greifenstein and Hobson, the proprietors, are setting a good example in putting their money into such a building, and we hope to see others take the hint. A portion of the upper story is to be occupied by county officers and the rest will be thrown into a large public hall.

Wichita supports four large livery stables, which keep as fine stock and as fashionable turn-outs as are seen upon the streets of any city in the state. Everybody buggy rides in Wichita. As an indication of the existing metropolitan condition of the place, we notice a finely finished photon upon our streets, hitched to matched ponies and followed by an English coach dog. The establishment belongs to the enterprising firm of Pearce & Vantillburgh.

Through the courtesy of the President of the Southwest Branch Railroad we were permitted to see a letter from the General Superintendent, from which we learn the welcome news that track laying had commenced and will be prosecuted with earnestness until the iron-train shall come rumbling and shrieking into the corporation, which will be about the first of May, when all creation is coming here on an excursion.

Our business men should prepare for a stirring Spring and Summer trade—to tell the dear people what they have and how cheap and good it is; do not depend on telling it yourself wholly, nor slinging it from your store doors. Far better and sweeter is it, to make the EAGLE your vendor; it is cheap and searching.

From the Gazette we learn that a steam grist mill is being built at Sedgewick City, the frame of which has already been erected. We know of no better plan for such an enterprise than to bring in the best machinery and the grain product of this valley within the next year or two will surely be enormous.

There is little or no doubt that Wichita will be the important shipping point for the Texas cattle trade the coming season. Already several large herds are being pastured sixty and a hundred miles south of us waiting until vegetation becomes more advanced before venturing this far north.

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